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Use These Tips to Stay Warm this Winter and Save



Keeping your home cozy this winter without the discomfort of high energy bills can be easy if you follow these simple tips.

- Program your thermostat to automatically reduce the temperature of your home when you are away or sleeping.
- **2.** Inspect both your indoor and outdoor windows and doors for air leaks and seal with caulk.
- **3.** Check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make sure it is as snug as possible. Close the damper when the fireplace is not in use.
- **4.** Consider increasing the amount of insulation in your attic, basement and outside walls. Also, cover window air conditioners to prevent cold air from leaking into your home.
- **5.** Change your furnace filter regularly to help your system run more efficiently all season long, saving you money and keeping your indoor air cleaner.
- **6.** If your heating system is 15 years old or older, consider upgrading to an ENERGY STAR® system. They use less energy than standard models.

For more tips on saving energy this winter, visit www.mariettapowerandwater.com.

Six Ways to SAVE WATER OUTDOORS this Fall

Caring for your lawn and garden during the fall season as opposed to the spring and summer months differs mostly because of the climate change. Follow these simple tips to save water and money.

- We tend to notice leaks inside our homes, but remember to check outdoor faucets. sprinkler heads and hoses too.
- Water trees and shrubs at the base of the plant instead of the foliage.
- Raise your lawn mower blade slightly higher when cutting your grass to encourage deep rooting.

- Water your plants deeply, but less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- Group plants with the same watering needs together to avoid overwatering some while underwatering others.
- Adjust your watering schedule each month to match seasonal weather conditions and garden requirements.

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Saturdays Year Round

Marietta Square Farmers Market

Marietta Square 9 a.m. until noon For more information, visit www.mariettasguarefarmersmarket.com or call (770) 499-9393.

Thursday, November 29

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony & Santa on the Square

Glover Park, Marietta Square The fun begins at 4 p.m., Santa makes his grand entrance on a City of Marietta firetruck at 5:20 p.m. followed by the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at

For more information, call (770) 794-4456 or visit www.mariettaga.gov.

December 1 and 2

Marietta Pilgrimage Christmas Home Tour

Schedule & Pricing **Day Tours:**

\$25 in advance; \$30 at door **Candlelight Tour:**

\$20 in advance; \$25 at door

Combination Ticket: \$30 in advance; \$35 at door

For more information and to purchase tickets, call (770) 429-1115 or visit www.marietttapilgrimage.com.

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